

# CAPT. PRIOR IN AGAIN TODAY

## Steamer Thelma Has Second Mackerel Fare This Week —Got Big Price.

Steamer Thelma, Capt. Elroy Prior, is back again at the new fish pier, Boston, this morning, with his second trip this week, having 14,000 pounds of small fresh mackerel, taken on Middle Bank, yesterday.

The Thelma was the only arrival of mackerel this morning and fresh mackerel took a rise in consequence, selling at eight and one-fourth cents a pound against three cents and three and one-half cents a pound yesterday.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson, will profit by the little move which the hustling skipper and his crew put over yesterday. Instead of taking three cents a pound for the trip, which would have netted about \$1200, Capt. Matheson headed her to this port, and all day yesterday the crew dressed the fish, laying outside here until after 6 o'clock, when the craft arrived here.

Of course the fish will have to be averaged, but after dressing the trip yesterday, there were 160 barrels of salted ones, in addition to the 120 barrels which she already had on board. With salt mackerel selling at \$17 a barrel, it is not likely that the fleet will run too many of them to market fresh, at three cents a pound hereafter.

Fresh mackerel sold here yesterday at four and three-fourths cents a pound, an advance over Boston prices, sch. Lottie G. Merchant selling her fare for that sum.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber, of the William H. Jordan and Co. fleet of seiners, stocked \$2471 and the crew shared \$50.70.

### To Increase Fish Consumption.

During the past few years efforts have been made in Germany to increase the nation's consumption of fish. One of the steps taken was to enlist the support of the newspapers. A large number of explanatory articles were prepared and forwarded to various newspapers, and by this means a wide circulation was given to the propaganda throughout Germany. Last year a special periodical, Fischkost ("Fish as Food") was established, of which ten numbers have already appeared. It is regularly sent to the newspapers, which usually reprint more or less of its contents. Lectures have proved of great value. They are always illustrated by lantern slides representing various methods of fishing, the handling and selling of the fish, the packing and transport, diagrams of the food value of fish, and pictures of cookery lessons. Lately the cinematograph has been brought into the service of the propaganda, and "movies" showing the voyage of a fishing steamer in all its details, arrival at market, etc., are displayed with much acceptance.

Sometimes over a thousand people attend such a lecture, and as the audience disperse, tracts and booklets,

chiefly on fish cookery, are put into their hands. But lectures require to be supplemented by practical courses on fish cookery, the chief object being to demonstrate to the women that every dish that can be prepared from meat can also be prepared from fish; that such dishes with vegetables, etc., are equally nourishing and cheaper. Simple, but very varied fish dishes are shown which do not cost more than one shilling a meal for four persons, and also more expensive dishes.—London "Fish Trade Gazette."

### Shark Made a Fight.

About 5 o'clock Tuesday morning a monster shark was trapped in the fish weirs off Fort Heath, Wintthrop, and was only subdued after a battle in which fishermen stabbed him to death. He was about 8 feet long and weighed nearly 400 pounds. It is probable that he was chasing shoals of small fish for food, when he ventured too near shore and was caught in the net from which he made desperate efforts to escape.

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## HEAR "COMBINE" ON MACKEREL

A Washington dispatch says:

"Reports as to how the high cost of living has received boosts from wholesalers and retail men all over the United States continued to pour into the department of justice today. An Ohio furniture man complained that two New York wholesale furniture houses have advanced prices 10 per cent.

"Complaints were received against an alleged 'mackerel combine' in Massachusetts, which is alleged to have boosted the price of that fish from \$4 to \$6 per barrel."

### Portland Fishing News.

Bluebacks are now showing up on the Cod Ledges, and several small fares were brought in Tuesday by local fishermen. The steamer Pet brought in 70 barrels, while the sloop Vigilant, in addition to 39 barrels of bluebacks, had about 3,500 pounds of mackerel. The latter fish have now come up again after a fortnight's disappearance, being reported seen yesterday in several different directions along the coast. The steamer Emily brought in 3,000 pounds yesterday, while the sloop Olympia took out over 1,200 pounds.

Taken altogether Tuesday was the most encouraging day the local fishermen had seen for quite a while the appearance of the blueback herring meaning much to them, as it is likely from now on they will be found in goodly numbers. Immense quantities of sardine herring are now being found in this vicinity, the weirs at Clapboard Island and along the Fore-side being filled every day, and the fishermen who bring them to the city are making good money.

### Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Volant sold to the American Halibut company for 3 1-2 cents a pound for white and 6 1-2 cents for gray.

## THREE FARES DOWN TO SPLIT

The only off shore arrival here today is sch. Volant, Capt. Gus Dunskey from LaHave Bank, with 14,000 pounds fresh halibut, 65,000 pounds fresh and 10,000 pounds salt cod.

Three of the fleet in at Boston yesterday brought down fish to split, the Adeline, Ralph Brown and Jorgina having about 245,000 pounds in all.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Volant, LaHave Bank, 14,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Adeline, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ralph Brown, via Boston, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jorgina, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, seining.

Sch. Onato, shacking.

Sch. Aréthusa, shacking.

Sch. Tacoma, Boston.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.

Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Cush, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Filched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.

Salt medium mackerel, \$17 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.30.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut 8 1-2c per lb. for white 1-2c for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 t freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers.

Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 9c per lb. for white 7c for small gray and 5c for large gray.

Whiting, 60c per bbl.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Thomas S. Gorton and Florida were at Liverpool, N. S., Tuesday and cleared.

Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt was at Canso, Tuesday.

Sch. Richard cleared from Canso on the same date.

## PRICES LOW AT BOSTON DOCK

The morning's receipts at Boston were ample for the day's trade, some 375,000 pounds of groundfish being the new pier. On account of the market and prices, the off shore fish, any size at all will probably be sent to the splitters.

Two swordfishermen had 63 swordfish, but prices on this kind of fish so took a slump, selling at \$10.50 hundred weight.

Wholesale prices were \$1.25 a hundred for haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 for haddock and \$2.75 for market cod, \$1.50 for hake and \$1.30 for pollock.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Swell, 19,000 haddock, 600

Sch. Harriett, 70,000 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 pollock, 200 halibut.

Sch. Manhasset, 31,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 9000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 8000 pollock.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 42,000 cod.

Sch. Progress, 18,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Ruth, 27,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 24,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Flavilla, 40 swordfish.

Sch. Mettacommet, 29 swordfish.

Str. Margaret L., 11,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Scout, 15,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Nashawana, 20,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Str. Venture, 15,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per lb. large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market \$2.75; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$1.75; swordfish, \$10.75; small fresh mackerel, 4 1-2 cents and 6 1-2 cents per lb.

## THEY FEAR BAIT MAY BE SCARCE

Says a Boston exchange: "A scarcity in bait will it is feared by wholesale fish dealers at the Boston Fish Pier, in South Boston, in a boost in the price of fish. Wholesale dealers of Boston have all in their power to keep down price of fish when the cost of foodstuffs were sky-high.

"With a shortage of bait the fishery will naturally be cut down. This curtailment will force the dealers to raise the prices. Squid and herring the bait used by the deep-sea fishermen, have up-to-date been plentiful and all the fishing vessels have been able to obtain all they needed.

"It is generally believed that there will be a scarcity of bait, which will probably force some of the fish schooners to tie up at the dock. The fishermen as well as the dealers are doing all in their power to keep off such an occurrence in hope fish prices might be kept down as possible.



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# LOOKS BETTER ON THE LABRADOR

Says the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review:

News reached town recently to the effect that the fishery has looked up a bit in the upper or stationers' section of Labrador. Better accounts have also come from the Straits. The trap voyage appears to be over, and the fish being taken are caught with hook-and-line, jigger and cod nets. The change for the better comes from the moving off of the ice, which hung along the shore six weeks later than usual this season. As a matter of fact, there has been a good deal of fish on the Labrador coast for some weeks, but small "clumpers" of ice have prevented trapping.

During the week there has been a slight improvement in many places North on the Newfoundland Coast, and if present fine weather continues the prospect will not be as black, by any means, as it looked at the beginning of the month. The greatest drawback at present is the scarcity of squids, which are badly needed for bait. It is noticeable this season that many men, who usually deserted the voyage at the close-down of trapping, are holding on this year, in the belief that the catch on the squid scull is going to be a fair one, even if it is late.

Herewith we give the report of the catches of fish in the various districts of the Island, up to date of August 1, and corresponding date last year. As there was no report from Fogo last year, we leave out that District in the general summary, so that a fairer idea of the relative positions of the two years may be obtained. With Fogo (6,000 qtls. this year) left out then we find that the aggregate catches are: For 1913, 267,945; for 1914, 216,140 qtls. These figures show a smaller catch this year by 51,805 qtls.

The following are the returns in detail:

	1914.	1913.
Placentia and St. Mary's	30,965	43,170
St. John's	74,715	66,800
Fortune Bay	27,470	32,044
Curgeo & LaPelle	30,560	21,115
St. George's	4,745	2,265
St. Barbe	9,780	15,840
Willingate	1,165	10,140
Bonaville	6,000	10,140
Carbonear	5,750	16,440
Bay de Verde	4,290	11,610
Harbor Grace	1,410	1,230
Port de Grave	3,325	4,390
Harbor Main	465	330
St. John's	135	1,160
St. John's	6,865	14,000
St. John's	4,500	15,600

## St. John's Market Affected.

Shrewd business men are observing that the late fishing season this year is without its advantages, says the St. John's, N. F., Trade Review. Others, at the middle of August, thought fish would be pouring into the market at this time. If we had the new season ready now, fishermen affected by the present condition of affairs would be scrambling over each other to market their goods, and the result would be

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the lowest prices seen in the country for many years. Fortunately, there is not much fish ready, and, therefore, there is no undue pressure on the merchants of St. John's who buy the fish.

Meanwhile, of course, there is some new fish coming in, either to be credited to the old accounts, or to be turned into cash to purchase early fall supplies. This is being taken in at \$4.50 to \$5 a quintal, with promise of the rise if normal conditions are restored later in the season. Nobody seems keen to buy for cash, even at these figures, the most of the goods going to the credit of spring outfit accounts. Nobody says that fish is not as valuable today as it was a month ago, but it simply can't be marketed at present, and nobody knows how long it will be before we can get safe access to South America or Southern Europe again.

## FOUR SEINERS MADE CATCHES

Four of the fleet of steamers made some hauls of mackerel again yesterday off Cape Cod, landing 61,000 pounds at Boston this morning.

Among them is steamer Margaret L. with 11,000 pounds, her second trip this week. Steamer Scout has 15,000 pounds; steamer Nashawena, 20,000 pounds; steamer Venture, 15,000 pounds.

Wholesale dealers were paying four and one-half to six and one-half cents a pound for them this morning.

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Saladin, consisting of 282 barrels, sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company for the lump sum of \$4400.

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## Portland Fish News.

Bluebacks were being landed Wednesday in great quantities at the two cold storage plants on Central wharf. The steamer Alice took out 60 barrels in addition to some 1500 pounds of mackerel, while the sloops Isabel Parsons, Nellie R. Pantooset, and several others were in with good sized fares. Quite a lot of mackerel were also landed, the fish being reported fairly plenty off Cod Ledge. One of the vessels coming in Wednesday, the sloop Marguerite McKenzie, had in addition to other fish, four large swordfish, three of them taken off Jeffries, while the fourth was captured within sight of Old Orchard Beach, a most unusual locality for that species of fish.

Two more swordfishermen were heard from Wednesday, the Mervis H. Perry arriving here after leaving 38 fish at Boston the day before, while the Lochinvar went in there Wednesday with 40 fish, both getting good prices for their catch. Both of these vessels have been fishing on the northern edge of Georges, and the skippers complain of almost constant fog while on the Banks. Although in point of numbers the schooners of the local fleet have not landed as many swordfish this season as last better prices have been realized, and it is believed there will be little difference at the close of the season.

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## BROUGHT BIG CATCH TO SPLIT

Arrivals here since yesterday consist mostly of fresh fish, sch. Harriett bringing down 120,000 pounds, her entire fare, while schs. E. C. Hussey and Good Luck, drifting, brought down 35,000 pounds and 20,000 pounds left over from yesterday's market.

Sch. Stiletto arrived here during the forenoon from Portland having discharged her halibut fare of 15,000 pounds there. She brought over 35,000 pounds fresh fish and 15,000 pounds salt cod, which will be taken out by W. H. Jordan & Company, her owners.

Other arrivals today were schs. Alert, seining, 50 barrels salt mackerel; Helen G. Wells, salt drifting, 40,000 pounds salt cod.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Independence II., seining, 25,000 lbs. small fresh mackerel.  
Sch. E. C. Hussey, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Good Luck, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Alert, seining, 50 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Sch. Harriett, via Boston, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Helen G. Wells, salt drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Stiletto, via Portland, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Steamer Bethulia, seining, 20 barrels salt mackerel.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, halibuting.  
Sch. Elk, halibuting.  
Sch. Emily Sears, haddock.  
Sch. Veda M. McKown, seining.  
Steamer Quoddy, seining.  
Sch. Aspinet, shacking.  
Br. sch. Calavera, Pubnico, N. S.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.  
Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.  
Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.  
Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.  
Cush, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.  
Flitted halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.  
Salt medium mackerel, \$17 per bbl.

### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:  
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.  
Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.  
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.  
Hake, \$1.30.  
Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.  
Pollock, \$1.  
Small pollock, 60c per bbl.  
Fresh halibut 8 1-2c per lb. for white 6 1-2c for gray.

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Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. bait; \$2 t freezer; \$1.75 to salt.  
Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large 18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinker.  
Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.  
Fresh halibut, 9c per lb. for white 7c for small gray and 5c for large gray.  
Whiting, 60c per bbl.

## Arrivals at Newburyport.

A quantity of fresh mackerel was brought into Newburyport Thursday and landed at the Consumers Fresh Fish Company:

Alice, 150 mackerel and 16 barrels bluebacks; Gertrude, 1300 mackerel; Joppaite, 1000 mackerel; Flatboat, 400 mackerel, 2 barrels Spanish mackerel; Beatrice E., 2700 mackerel; Lydia, 1300 mackerel, 4 barrels bluebacks; Langley, 6 barrels of bluebacks, 7 barrels of Spanish mackerel.

There were no receipts yesterday morning.

## Week's Landings at Boston.

For the week ending August 22, 2,676,450 pounds of fresh fish from 15 arrivals was landed at Boston as compared with 3,267,300 pounds from 8 arrivals for the corresponding week of last year.

## SHORT LIST AT THE NEW PIER

This morning's arrival list at the new fish pier was comparatively small, three groundfishermen and a swordfisherman arriving.

Steamer Long Island, beam trawling, had a small fare, while sch. Jeanette had 115,000 pounds and four swordfish. Topsail Girl had 54 swordfish, and sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 23,000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$1.45 a hundred weight for haddock, \$3.40 for large cod. Halibut sold at 12 1-2 cents and nine cents a pound and swordfish, 10 1-2 cents to 11 1-2 cents a pound.

## Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Long Island, 23,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 100 hake.  
Sch. Jeanette, 80,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 4 swordfish, 700 halibut.  
Sch. Topsail Girl, 54 swordfish.  
Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 7000 haddock, 7500 cod, 9000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$1.45 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.40; halibut, 12 1/2c per lb. for white and 9c for gray; swordfish, 10 1/2c and 11 1/2c per lb.

## Nova Scotia Bait News.

Yarmouth, August 17—150 barrels of bait at Yarmouth; 10 barrels of bait at Pubnico; none at Wedgeport and Tusket Islands.

Musquodoboit, August 17—30 barrels herring Owl's Head, 11 barrels herring Jeddore; 15 barrels herring Eastern Passage.

Barrington, August 17—50 barrels bait Wood's Harbor; eight barrels Shag Harbor; five Clark's Harbor; 60 at Baccaro.

Sherbrooke, August 17—Eight barrels herring taken at Marie Joseph, and two barrels to a boat at Fisherman's Harbor.